

Appl. No. 10/007,375
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Remarks

Claim 12 has been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention. Support for the claim amendments may be found at page 2, lines 20+ and page 3, lines 1+ of the specification. The specification has been amended to correct an inadvertent error in tense. Entry of the amendments is believed to be in order as placing the application in condition for allowance or in better form for appeal. Reconsideration of the rejections in light of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection based on 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claims 2, 3 and 5-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as lacking enablement as failing to specify that the antistatic treatment contains an antistatic agent and failing to define a "minimal antistatic agent". The foregoing amendment addresses the first issue although, as the Examiner's remarks seem to acknowledge, one skilled in the art would understand that an antistatic treatment composition contains an antistatic agent. The second issue is also believed to be addressed by the foregoing amendment specifying the amounts of the first and second treatments. In terms of enablement, the example is sufficient to put one of skill in possession of the invention as teaching specific amounts of antistatic agent in each of the first and second treatment steps. Accordingly, this rejection is believed to have been overcome and withdrawal is believed to be in order.

Claims 2, 3 and 5-13 stand further rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as indefinite with respect to the treatment add-on levels. The foregoing amendments correct the ambiguity helpfully pointed out by the Examiner, and claim 12 now clearly specifies the add-on levels of each of the first and second treatment steps. As such, this rejection is believed no longer to apply to the claims as amended, and withdrawal is believed to be in order.

In summary, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and favorable notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

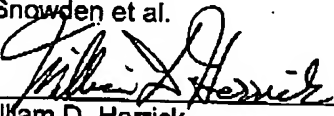
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